A further indicative development is the criticism of Mr Begin and his policies that has come from inside Israel itself, and from eminent Jewish personalities, such as Monsieur Mendès-France, a former Prime Minister of France, and Dr Kreisky, the Chancellor of Austria.

That a man who has caused such suffering to so many, on such an inhumane scale, and has ignored all protests against his actions, should be the possessor of the Nobel Prize for Peace, is an ironic travesty of justice and a degregation of the honour. The withdrawal of this honour from Mr Begin would go beyond empty words of condemnation and would be a positive and concrete expression of the opinions held by the majority of the world, and could only be in the interests of the unique prize you bestow.

I feel sure that you will be able to take this decision.

Yours sincerely,

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